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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Yoshizo Mihara et al.  
Serial No.: 09/437,016  
Filed: November 9, 1999  
For: DATA RECORDING AND/OR REPRODUCING APPARATUS  
Examiner: James A. Fletcher  
Art Unit: 2616  
Confirmation No.: 7418

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ No additional fee is required.☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

## Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional fee
Total claims	9	Minus	20 =	0 ×	\$50(25)	= \$0.00
Independent claims	3	Minus	3 =	0 ×	\$200(100)	= 0.00
				Total additional fee for this amendment		\$0.00

\* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.

\*\* If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

\*\*\* If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$360 (\$180) has been previously paid \_\_, or is paid herewith \_\_.☐ This response is being filed within the \_\_ first month, \_\_ second month, \_\_ third month, \_\_ fourth month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor, and the fee of \_\_ \$120 (\$60), \_\_ \$450 (\$225), \_\_ \$1,020 (\$510), \_\_ \$1,590 (\$795) for the requisite extension is due and \_\_ paid herewith.☐ A check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ is attached for the extension of time.☐ Charge \$\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.☒ Please charge any additional fees incurred by reason of this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.113**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of July 1, 2005, setting a three-month period for response up to and including October 1, 2005, Applicant's attorneys ask that the Examiner reconsider the stated grounds for rejection in view of the following remarks: